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Hong Kong Red Defector Doubts Peking Role in Strife

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Aug. 9 (AP) — A Chinese Communist defector from Hong Kong, Wu Shuttung, said today that anti-British violence in the colony was instigated by Hong Kong Communists without outside direction and had failed to receive full support from Peking.

Mr. Wu, described by Chinese Nationalist officials as the highest-ranking Communist official to defect, said at a news conference that the Hong Kong leftists thought the British would submit to their domination as the Portuguese had done in Macao.

The Nationalists announced earlier that Mr. Wu, 61 years old, had flown to Taipei. They described him as a chief anti-British agitator in the colony, general manager of the Communist-owned China Publishing Company there and a member of the People's Political Consultative Council in Red China's Kwangtung Province.

However, a British official in Hong Kong said Mr. Wu "so far as we know wasn't very important in the local Communist hierarchy."